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/ PASS AID/ AFR/ CWR/ SDE/

1. SAHLIAN ZONE SESSION DREW RECORD CROWD, EVOKED CONSIDERABLE
INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION. UPPER VOLTA PRESIDENT LAMIZANI' S

ELOQUENT OPENER FOLLOWED BY DG BOERMA AND USYG MORSE SET HIGH TONE CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS, GRATITUDE AND COMMITMENT OF AFRICAN NATIONS, FINE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF COMBINED BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS. BOERMA AND MORSE CLEAR ON COORDINATION ROLE FOR UN SYSTEM PURSUANT ECOSOC RESOLUTION I. E. BOERMA/ FAO ON EMERGENCY AND MORSE ACTING FOR SYG FOR MEDIUM AND LONGER TERM, FOR WHICH FAO EXPECTS MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION AND WILL COOPERATE FULLY. BOERMA: THREE PHASES: (1) CURRENT EMERGENCY RUNNING THROUGH UPCOMING HARVEST ABOUT OCTOBER; CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL FUND APPROACHING \$6 MILLION; FAO COOPERATING FULLY WITH BILATERAL PROGRAMS AND TRYING TO COMPLEMENT THEIR ACTIVITIES. (2) FURTHER SERIOUS DEFICIT MUST BE EXPECTED 1973/74; ADVANCE PLANNING AND COMMITMENT REQUIRED IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. (3) MEDIUM AND LONG TERM REHABILITATION. ALL THREE MJST BE CLOSELY RELATED.

2. CANADA LED OFF COUNCIL DISCUSSION WITH APPROPRIATE COMPLIMENTS, RECOGNITION BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL EFFORTS AND NEED FOR CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG THEM.

3. WFP EXPLAINED ITS ROLE, INCLUDING ADVISORY TO DG, MARCH CONFERENCE ARRANGE EXCHANGE INFO ON SHIPMENTS AND PORT SITUATION, SUBSEQUENT NEWSLETTERS, STRENGTHENING OF STAFF (INCLUDING ASSIGNMENT WFP STAFF TO FAO EMERGENCY GROUP). REPORTED COMMITTING \$8.9 MILLION TO AREA (89 0/0 OF NORMAL ONE YEAR AUTOMATIC EMERGENCY AUTHORITY) PLUS CASH PAYMENTS FOR INTERNAL MOVEMENT SUPPLIES. ASSERTED NEED FOR 1974 PROGRAM REQUIRING BETTER PLANNING WHICH SHOULD START NOW, AND PROMISED FOOD SUPPLIES FOR APPROPRIATE PROJECTS TO IMPROVE SITUATION UNDER LONGER TERM PROGRAM.

4. US STATEMENT ENDORSED MEASURES TAKEN BY DG TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCY AND TO UNDERTAKE WORK ON MEDIUM/ LONG TERM; RECOGNIZED SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION; EMPHASIZED NECESSITY ZONE GOVERNMENTS EXERCISE APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONS; ACKNOWLEDGED NEED FOR OUTSIDE HELP; SUMMARIZED US RESPONSE TO DATE INCLUDING COOPERATION UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH FAO/ WFP AND OTHER DONORS AS WELL AS MATERIAL HELP; EMPHASIZED NEED FOR BETTER ADVANCE PLANNING, OPERATIONAL PROGRAMMING, COORDINATION AND OPERATIONS; STATED FULL US INTENTION CONTINUE DO ITS SHARE.

5. RE DONOR COORDINATION, IN ADDITION FAO/ WFP, CANADA AND US, STRONG STATEMENTS ON NECESSITY AND WILLINGNESS MADE BY UK AND GERMANY. FRENCH PITCH A BIT DIFFERENT, E. G. WILL CONTINUE MAKE INFORMATION AVAILABLE; USE OF PLANES AVAILABLE IS AT DISCRETION OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO WHICH ASSIGNED. IN ADDITION EMPHASIZING ROLE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS AND BILATERAL/ EEC PROGRAMS, FRENCH DEL CHARACTERIZED FAO SPECIAL FUND AS GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE FOR THOSE NOT PREPARED

CARRY OUT BILATERAL PROGRAM.

6. DEVELOPING NATION SPKESMEN INCLUDED COLOMBIA FOR LATINS,
TOGO, TANZANIAUGANDA, SIERRA LEONE, INDIA, PHILIPPINES.

(CHAIRMAN, AFTER 17 COUNTRY AND ORGANIZATION STATEMFHTS WHICH
FOLLOWED PREDICABLE PATTERN, SUMMED UP AS COUIY RECOGNIZING
DUTY OF FAO FOR MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN AND BEING PLANNED.

DECLARED, IN ABSENCE ANY OPPOSITION, COUNCIL HAD TAKEN NECESSARY
DECISIONS TO SUPPORT. CVPE

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